

Application No. 09/817,193

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-11 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended.

The undersigned appreciates the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the July 21 personal interview with Examiner Tra. The substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks. Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. THE CLAIMS DEFINE PATENTABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1 and 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Andrews (Class AB Unity Gain Buffer Amplifier for CMOS Technology, hereinafter "Andrews"); and claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Saller (U.S. Patent No. 4,757,275) in view of Shulman (U.S. Patent No. 6,064,258). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

In particular, neither Andrews, Saller nor Shulman, individually or in combination, disclose, teach or even suggest at least a first differential amplifier circuit having a first differential pair and operating based on a common input voltage, a second differential amplifier circuit having a second differential pair and operating based on the common input voltage, a third transistor of a primary conductive type having a gate connected to a first output line of the first differential amplifier circuit, a third transistor of a secondary conductive type connected in series to the third transistor of the primary conductive type and having a gate connected to a second output line of the second differential amplifier circuit, and a third output line connected between the third transistor of the primary conductive type and the third transistor of the second conductive type outputs an output voltage, and the first, the second and the third output lines are shorted together via a first passive device coupled to the first output line and a second passive device coupled to the second output line, as recited in independent claim 1.

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For reasons discussed above as well as those in the Amendment filed on June 24, this application is in condition for allowance.

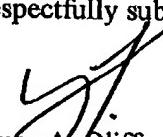
Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1 and 3-11 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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